

Krishna

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Avatar of Vishnu



Matsya



Koorma



Varaha



Narasimha



Vamana

10 Avatars of Vishnu



Rama



Balarama



Krishna



Parasurama



Kalki

Reason For Avatars

Whenever there is a decline of righteousness and a rise of unrighteousness, then I send forth myself as a man among men. For the protection of the good, for the destruction of the wicked, and for the establishment of righteousness, I came into expression from age to age.

-BG, CH. 4 Shlokas 7 & 8

July 19, 3228 BC

Krishna appearing to his
Earthly parents Vasudeva and
Devaki before his birth.



Child

Mischievous child- always sneaking snacks such as yogurt.

Accused of eating clay, Krishna denied eating clay and opened his mouth to prove his innocence she saw “the whole sky, including all the luminaries, stars and all directions.” (Prahbupada, 54)

At three years old started killing demons.

He would kill many demons in his lifetime.

He also learned to play the flute

Gopis (Cowherd Girls)

Krishna meets Gopis at six.

They love his flute playing, realize he's

Vishnu incarnate.

Want to marry him

Dance and sing with Krishna

Sexual play between the Gopis
and Krishna.



Krishna as Warrior

Krishna Battled not only demons but also:

Indra, the god of lightning

King Jaraasandha

Killed many people in various battles throughout his lifetime.

Due to his defeating of King Jaraasandha (whom he would eventually kill) he established his own kingdom in Dwarka.

Krishna would take part in many other battles throughout his lifetime.

Wives/Loves of Krishna

Krishna married over 16,000 women. Eight of his wives were Queens of nearby Kingdoms, others were goddesses, some were women that he believed were beautiful, and some were slaves that he set free.

Krishna would continue to have affairs with other women whom he never married.

The woman that was closest to him was Radha, although they were never married she is often depicted by his side in various images. Those that worship Krishna understand that Radha is his greatest love and is connected to him in a mystical way.

Each wife bore him ten children.

Bhagavad-Gita (Song of God)

Takes place on a battlefield, Krishna is a charioteer for his cousin Arjuna. Arjuna is having doubts about his duty, since he must wage war on his own family.

One's duty to God.

Everyone has a duty to fulfill, to fulfill that duty is always good.

Reincarnation

Karma & non-attachment

Vegetarianism- proper diet for humanity

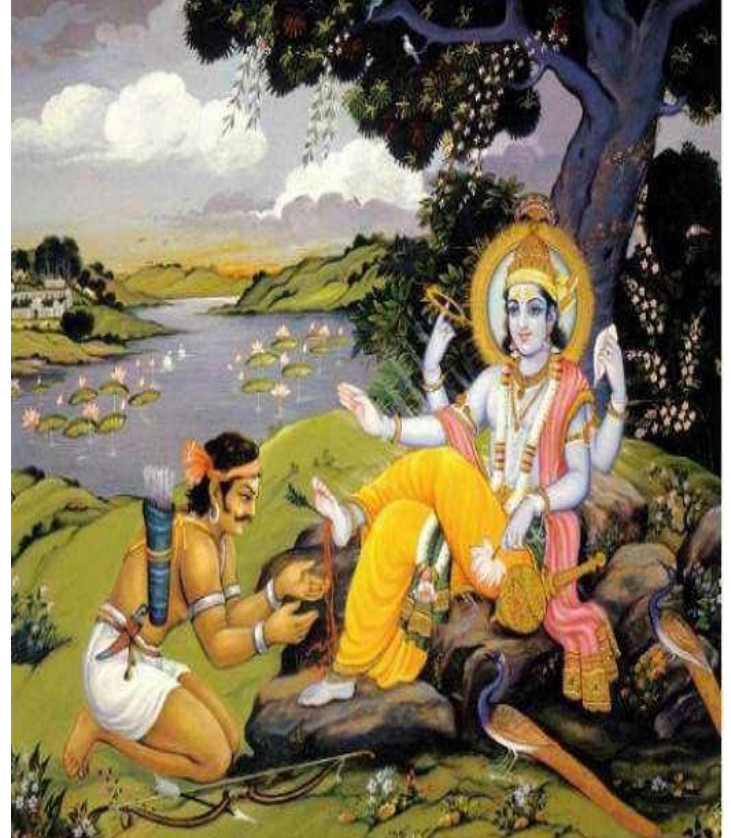
Liberation

Death of Krishna: Start of the Kali Yuga

After a battle Krishna went into the woods
To meditate.

Hunter named Jara mistook his foot for
A deer and shot Krishna. Krishna grew weak over
A few days. He then returned to his previous form
As Vishnu and disappeared.

February 18, 3102 BC starts the Kali Yuga.



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